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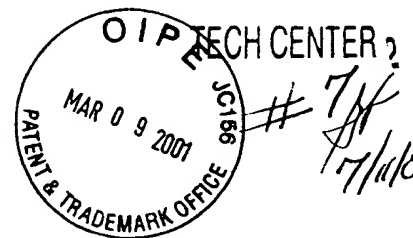
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.197 and 1.98, it is respectfully requested that the following disclosures, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-captioned application.

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14. International PCT Application No. WO 97 13843 A1, to Cornell Research Foundation Inc.; Univ. Washington (US), published April 17, 1997.
15. International PCT Application No. WO 98 03631 A1, to The Salk Institute for Biological Studies, published January 29, 1998.

16. International PCT Application No. WO 99 14331 A2, to CropDesign N.V., published March 25, 1999.

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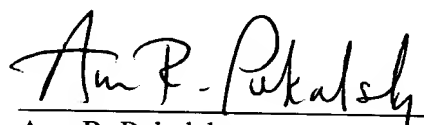
18. International PCT Application No. WO 99 22002 A1, to Almeida Janice De; Veylder Lieven De (BE); Inze Dirk (BE); CropDesign, published May 6, 1999.

Copies of each of the references are also provided herewith. All of the references are in the English language and are listed on the International Search Report, which is also submitted herewith.

Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested, since the art provided may be material to the examination of the present invention as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the issuance of an Official Action on the merits, no fee, certification or petition is required by Applicants.

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